

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES



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H.B. No. 5167 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS (Bill requested by the Department)

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee.

I am here today to testify in support of HB 5167, AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS. Sections 1 through 6 of this legislation are minor technical changes recommended by the Legislative Commissioner's Office. The proposed changes are intended to clarify various sections of the motor vehicle statutes.

Sections 7 and 8 of the bill are necessary based upon the transfer last year of the driver training program for persons with disabilities from the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services. Section 7 of the bill removes the word "examination" from the responsibilities of the driver training program staff and authorizes the staff to certify to the DMV Commissioner that a person has successfully completed the program. The Commissioner may then waive the road skills portion of the driving examination. Section 7 also authorizes the driver training program staff to indicate to the Commissioner what restrictions should be placed upon the license of a person who completes the program.

In conjunction with that change in section 7, section 8 allows the driver training program staff to have access to reports that are used to determine whether a person meets the health standards for obtaining a drivers license (explicit authorization from the program participant is also required). These reports are confidential, and are only for the use of the persons designated in that section.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of one of the Department's bills and I would be glad to answer any questions.